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## MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

**Meeting Date:** August 16, 2007  
**Meeting Time:** 1:00 P.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington  
St., Senate Chamber  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 1

**Members Present:** Sen. Beverly Gard, Chairperson; Rep. Ryan Dvorak; Rep. David Wolkins; Rep. Matt Pierce; Doug Meyer; Stephen L. Murray; Dave Wyeth; Dwayne Burke; Stacy Herr; John Hardwick; Art Umble; Calvin Davidson; Jon H. Moll; Thomas Easterly.

**Members Absent:** Sen. Lindel Hume; Sen. Marvin Riegsecker; Sen. Karen Tallian; Rep. Marlin Stutzman.

### 1. Call to Order

Sen. Gard called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibits and other materials referenced in these minutes can be inspected and copied in the Legislative Information Center in Room 230 of the State House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for copies may be mailed to the Legislative Information Center, Legislative Services Agency, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2789. A fee of \$0.15 per page and mailing costs will be charged for copies. These minutes are also available on the Internet at the General Assembly homepage. The URL address of the General Assembly homepage is <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>. No fee is charged for viewing, downloading, or printing minutes from the Internet.

## 2. Future Meetings

Sen. Gard announced plans to schedule meetings of the Council on September 14 in Michigan City and on October 3, 23, and 30 or 31 in Indianapolis. Notices of the meetings will be sent.

## 3. Charges to the Council

The provisions of 2007 acts and resolutions including Council study topics (Exhibits #1 and #2) were distributed.

## 4. Commissioner's Report

Thomas Easterly, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), gave the Commissioner's Report (Exhibit #3). In response to questions from Council members, Commissioner Easterly addressed the following:

- The stringency of Indiana water quality standards compared to those of other states
- Whether technology is available to eliminate contaminant discharges into Lake Michigan
- Water quality standards for ammonia, mercury, and total suspended solids
- Discharges into Lake Michigan by Chicago
- The availability of recycling grants
- The calculations involved in and the causes of an air pollution nonattainment designation
- Mercury switch recovery program procedures
- The status of confined feeding operations while permit violation actions are pending
- Electronic waste disposal programs
- IDEM's employee incentive program

## 5. Report of Dr. Juberg

Dr. Daland Juberg, Dow AgroSciences LLC, presented a report entitled Scientific and Toxicological Concepts for Bringing Clarity and Increased Understanding to Environmental/Health Concerns (Exhibit #4). Dr. Juberg responded to questions from the Council members concerning biomonitoring.

## 6. Adjournment

Sen. Gard adjourned the meeting at 3:45 PM.